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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA PROTESTS CHILE RESTRICTIONS

- 1. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT PROTESTED RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON FREE NAVIGATION OF ARGENTINE FLAG MERCHANT SHIPS BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES IN A NOTE PRESENTED TO THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR JULY 26. THE PROTEST REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO THE CASE OF ARGENTINE VESSEL "RIO ABAUCAN" WHICH WAS DENIED AUTHORITY TO GO FROM THE CHILEAN PORT OF SAN VICENTE TO THE ARGENTINE PORT OF USHUAIA THROUGH THE MAGDALENA CHANNEL IN MID-JULY IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL RULES, ACCORDING TO THE NOTE (AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS).
- 2. NOTWITHSTANDING THE NOTE OF PROTEST, ARGENTINE OFFICIALS, IN THEIR PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUE TO STRESS THE FRATERNAL TIES AND THE DESIRE OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO REACH A SUCCESSFUL BORDER AGREEMENT WITH CHILE THROUGH THE ONGOING BILATERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TALKS. INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY REMARKED
JULY 26 THAT THE BORDER CONTROVERSY WITH CHILE
SHOULD BE RESOLVED NOW AND NOT TRANSFERRED TO
FUTURE GENERATIONS, ALWAYS RESPECTING THE
PRINCIPLE OF ARGENTINA IN THE ATLANTIC AND CHILE IN
THE PACIFIC. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY
GUALTER ALLARA SAID JULY 27 THAT THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS

CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED IN A FRIENDLY AND SERIOUS MANNER AND THAT HE IS HOPEFUL A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WILL BE REACHED BY THE NEGOTIATION DEADLINE OF NOVEMBER 2. CASTRO

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